यूरिया का प्रयोग

4902. **श्री गुंडप्पा कोरवार :** क्या कृषि मंत्री यह बताने की कृपा करेंगे कि :

(क) क्या केन्द्र ने राज्य सरकारों से यूरिया के अत्यधिक प्रयोग में कमी करने के लिये कहा है ;

(ख) यदि हां, तो तत्संबंधी ब्यौरा क्या है और उसके उद्देश्य क्या हैं;

(ग) किन-किन राज्यों और संघ राज्य क्षेत्रों में इन निर्देशों का पालन किया गया है ;

(घ) क्या यूरिया का अत्यधिक प्रयोग पर्यावरण के लिये भी हानिकारक है ;

(ङ) यदि हां, तो क्या सरकार पर्यावरण पर यूरिया के हानिकारक प्रभाव को देखते हुये इसके उत्पादन को कम करने का विचार रखती है ;

(च) यदि हां, तो तत्संबंधी ब्यौरा क्या है ;

(छ) यदि नही, तो उसके क्या कारण है; और

(ज) सरकार इन निर्देशों का पालन न करने वाले राज्यों के विरूद्ध क्या कार्यवाही करने का विचार रखती है ?

कृषि मंत्रालय में राज्य मंत्री (श्री अरविन्द नेताम) : (क) से (ग) सरकार ने यूरिया के अत्याधिक प्रयोग में कमी करनें के लिये राज्य सरकारों को किसी प्रकार के कोई निर्देश जारी नहीं किये हैं।

(घ) यूरिया सहित उर्वरकों के अत्यधिक प्रयोग से रेतीली मिट्टी और अधिक सिंचाई/वर्ष की स्थिति में नाइट्रेट्स के माध्यम से भूमिगत जल की गुणवत्ता में प्रदूषण हो सकता है किन्तु उर्वरक के प्रयोग के वर्तमान स्तर पर यूरिया के प्रयोग से प्रदूषण का कोई निश्चित प्रमाण नहीं मिलता है।

(ङ) से (ज) उपरोक्त (घ) को दृष्टिगत रखने हुये देश में यूरिया के उत्पादन को कम करने के संबंध में सरकार ने कोई कदम नही उठाये हैं ।

Fragmentation of Holdings

4903. SHRIMATI BASANTI SARMA: Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that fragmentation of holding has reduced the average size of operational holdings in our country;

(b) whether this has affected agricultural production, and

(c) whether Government have any future plans to prevent fragementation of holdings?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICUTURE (SHRI S. KRISHNA KUMAR): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) No.

(c) Some States have enacted Laws for consolidation and prevention of fragmentation of holdings. The Government of India have also advised those States to enact such legislation where these do not exist.

Operation Flood

4904. SHRI VIREN J. SHAH:

SHRI PRAMOD MAHAJAN:

Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government's attention has been drawn to a report published in the 'Economic Times' of April 16, 1995 captioned "operation flood fails to satisfy WB";

(b) whether the World Bank E. C. Review Mission in its report has expressed its disappointment about the progress made in adoption of operation flood principles in many States as unsatisfactory especially in terms of major development objecive to establish viable milk cooperatives and also about the poor financial performances of the milk federations and unions;

(c) if so, what are the facts in this regard; and

(d) what are the main recommendations of the World Bank's Review Mis-

sion and what action Government have taken or propose to take in the matter?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI ARVIND NETAM): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) to (d) The report is being studied and the information will be laid on the Table of the House.

Establishment tof prawn hatchery

4905. SHRI RAHASBIHARI BARIK: Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have a proposal to establish some prawn hatchery with external assistance;

(b) whether any such prawn hatchery has been set up in Orissa earlier with external aid;

(c) if so, the details thereof; and

(d) the steps taken to set up the prawn hatchery with foreign assistance in Orissa as proposed?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI S. KRISHNA KUMAR): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) No, Sir.

(c) Does not arise.

(d) Under World Bank assisted Shrimp and Fish Culture Project (CR. No. 2329-IN) steps have been taken to set up 6-8 numbers of Prawn Hatcheries at a cost of Rs. 6.22 crores through private entrepreneurs with annual production capacity of 25—30 million PL-20 shrimp seed each.

Fishing harbour project in Orissa

4906. SHRI BHAGABAN MAJHI: Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether the project proposals of the fishing harbour projects in Orissa have been revised;

(b) if so, the original estimate cost of the fishing harbour projects proposed to be set up in Orissa;

(c) the percentage of the increase made in the revised proposals; and

(d) the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI S. KRISHNA KUMAR): (a) to (d) There is no Minor Fishery Harbour or Fish Landing Centre presently under construction in Orissa in whose case the estimates have been revised. However, Major Fishery Harbour at Paradip Port is under construction by the Port Trust and its estimated cost has been revised in March, 1995. The original estimates was Rs. 28.34 crores. Revised estimate is Rs. 38.07 crores. The increase is 34.33 per cent.

Agro-based industry in Orissa

4907. SHRI SARADA MOHANTY: Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether there is a vast scope to set up Agro-based industry in Orissa;

(b) if so, the possibilities explored by Government to set up Agro-based units in that State;

(c) the proposals drawn up in that regard for the Eighth Plan preiod;

(d) the places identified for the establishment of Agro-based industry in that State; and

(e) the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI S. KRISHNA KUMAR): (a) to (e) It is primarily the responsibility of the State Government to assess the scope for setting up agro-based industries in Orissa. In general, there is good scope for setting up agro-based industries in all States of the country. Government in the Ministry of Food Processing Industries has provided financial assistance to the Orissa Agro Industries Corporation for getting conducted a comprehensive study on potential of agro and food processing industries in Orissa. The National Cooperative Development Corporation (NCDC) has identified the possibility of development of oilseed based complex, process-